

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept and expend a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Highway Safety Division regarding the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Road Safety Award that will enable the police department to participate in the following campaigns: Winter Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Click It or Ticket, Speed and Summer Impaired Driving in the City of Lowell.

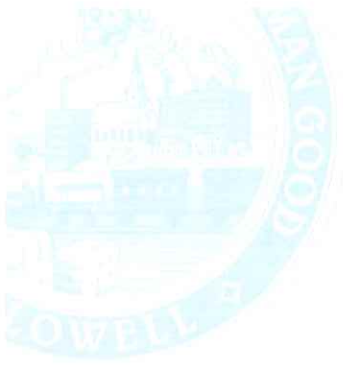
That the City Manager be and she is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept and expend a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Highway Safety Division regarding the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Road Safety Award in the amount of Forty Thousand and 00/100 (\$40,000.00) Dollars for a nine (9) month period, to allow the police department to participate in a number of campaigns to decrease the number of traffic fatalities and the number of impaired driving related crashes in the City of Lowell.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

The City of Lowell desires to accept and expend a Grant in the amount of Forty Thousand and 00/100 (\$40,000.00) Dollars for a nine (9) month period through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) Highway Safety Division regarding the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Road Safety Award, to allow the LPD to participate in the following campaigns: Winter Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Click It or Ticket, Speed, and Summer Impaired Driving wherein the goal of the grant is to decrease the number of traffic fatalities and number of impaired driving related crashes in the City.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), including the expenditure thereof.



Raymond Kelly Richardson
Superintendent

Barry Golner
Deputy Superintendent

Daniel R. Larocque
Deputy Superintendent

To: City Manager, Eileen Donoghue
From: Superintendent Kelly Richardson
Date: January 4, 2021
Re: State Grant Awards

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The Lowell Police Department is excited to notify you of four state grant awards recently received from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The first is the FY 2021 Shannon Community Safety Initiative (CSI) award in the amount of \$634,861.81 over a one year period. The Shannon CSI funding enables the LPD to implement a comprehensive anti-gang and youth violence strategy. In addition to using funds for suppression activities, funding was subcontracted to a wide range of City entities and community partners, including Lowell Public Schools, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Career Center of Lowell, UTEC, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell, Lowell Community Health Center, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, West End Gym, and the YWCA. These community organizations provide a myriad of prevention and intervention activities. It also funds portions of the Summer Student Police Academy and the LPD Safe Summer Movie Nights as well as portions of two Crime Analyst positions. The overarching goal of the Shannon Grant is to reduce gang and youth violence, intervene in the lives of highly at-risk youth, and provide positive opportunities and alternatives to gang and youth violence. Additionally, funding is allocated for the Gang Unit to increase patrols and ensure the Gang Unit is fully staffed during the warmer months.

The second is the FY2021 Municipal Staffing award in the amount of \$162,500 over a one year period. This funding enables the LPD to deploy additional foot and bicycle patrols, as well as backfill to help cover officers out sick and on vacation.

The third is the FFY 2021 Municipal Road Safety award in the amount of \$40,000. This program recently replaced the Local Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) and the Traffic Enforcement grant program. This funding will enable the LPD to participate in the following campaigns: Winter Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, Click It or Ticket, Speed, and Summer Impaired Driving. The goal of this grant program is to decrease the number of traffic fatalities and the number of impaired driving-related crashes in the city.

The fourth is the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award in the amount of \$15,000. This grant will enable the LPD to purchase exercise equipment and create a small gym for officers to use before and after their shifts. This funding will also allow the Department to update its internal website and post health and wellness related information for police officers.



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Dear City Councilors,

The Lowell Police Department (LPD) recently received notification from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division regarding the federal fiscal year 2021 Municipal Road Safety Grant award in the amount of \$40,000 for a 9-month period. The LPD respectfully requests the City Council's approval to accept and expend this award.

This funding enables the LPD to participate in campaigns (Impaired Driving, Distracted Driving, and Click It or Ticket) and to schedule traffic enforcement overtime shifts at three identified intersections. The locations were identified based on accident data from the LPD and Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The LPD is confident that concentrating its enforcement efforts in these locations will maximize traffic safety improvements by reducing the number of accidents occurring at the most dangerous intersections in Lowell.

Sincerely,

Raymond Kelly Richardson
Superintendent